

**TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 10, 2008**

**Meeting Place:** Grand Rapids Municipal Building, 2410 48<sup>th</sup> Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

**Present:** Chairman Don Bohn, Supervisors Arne Nystrom, Jeanne Fehrman, Bill Clendenning, and Edward Hellner; Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer, Treasurer Kristine Ginter, Clerk Judy McLellan.

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

NOTE: ( ) indicates agenda item of when Board member joined the meeting.

*Notices of the meeting were legally posted at The Store in Kellner, the Grand Rapids Garage and the Grand Rapids Municipal Building, and published in the Daily Tribune.*

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Don Bohn.

1. **Approval of May 15, 27, 29, 2008 Town Board Meeting and June 3, 2008 Board of Review.** Supervisor Hellner noted that May 15<sup>th</sup> minutes had meeting starting at 5:30 a.m., should be p.m. and May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting was improperly list as being called to order at the Town of Grand Rapids Municipal Building, should have been Biron Municipal Building. Motion (Hellner/Clendenning) to approve minutes as presented with corrections as stated. Motion carried.
2. **Approval/Denial of Resolution 2008-21 to designate public depositories for funds of the Town of Grand Rapids.** Supervisor Clendenning stated that Port Credit Union is now Valley Communities Credit Union. Motion (Nystorm/Fehrman) to approve Resolution 2008-21 with correction to Port Credit Union name. Motion carried.
3. **Approval/Denial of application for renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2008-2009.** Clerk McLellan stated that all applications were approved by Police Chief Lewandowski. No outstanding taxes owed by applicants or out standing vendor bills were reported. One application from last year was not renewed. Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to approve the renewal of Liquor Licenses as presented. Motion carried
4. **Appeal of Deborah Hertel on denial of Provisional Operators License.** Ms. Hertel was present to answer questions from the Board. Motion (Clendenning/Nystrom) to approve the Provisional License for Deborah Hertel. Motion carried 4-1 with Supervisor Hellner voting no.
5. **Approval/Denial of Letter of Support for First Responders Squad.** Fire Chief Bernette stated that the formal letter of support from the Board was needed to achieve certification and also will be used for grants. Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to approve Letter of Support for First Responders Squad. Motion carried.
6. **Report from Public Buildings Committee on repairs to Municipal Building roof.** Supervisor Hellner said that as previously discussed at last meeting, the roof of the Municipal Building needs repair. Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer had contacted 6 concrete vendors and 7 roofing vendors. Estimates were only received from one concrete vendor and two roofing vendors. Concrete work will be \$9350.00 per estimate from Altmann and estimates for roofing work were \$35,140 from Nick Michels & Sons, Inc. and \$35,107 from Boyles Roofing & Construction LLC ( Michels estimate included \$2,405 for roofs over entry ways where Boyles did not include these areas.). Supervisor Clendenning as a member of the Public Buildings Committee recommended that the board approve the repair of the roof not to exceed \$44,500. Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to approve the repair of the Municipal Building to include the office, entries, and garage areas roofs not to exceed \$44,500 with the concrete work being awarded to Altmann Construction and the roofing work to Nick Michels & Sons, Inc. Motion carried
7. **Discussion on draft of Ordinance 56-Establishing the Police & Fire Commission.** Discussion was held as to content of Ordinance draft. Supervisor Fehrman thought the town may want to change language to allow one member to not have to be a town resident. Other board members felt it should

stay as completely town residents. No other changes were purposed. Clerk McLellan will have final draft and resolution ready for next meeting.

**8. Approval of May disbursement vouchers.** No questions.

**9. Approval/Denial of Operators License Applications.** Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to approve Operators Licenses as listed with the exception of the license for Deborah L. Hertel to be approved but reviewed in 6 months and the application of Wendy A. Savage to be denied. Motion carried

**10. Monthly Reports from committees and departments.**

- **Police Department:** Chief of Police Dave Lewandowski reported that there were 354 calls for service for the month of May. All officers have received the New Policy and Procedure Manuals. Some much needed repairs to the squads have been done along with the purchasing of needed equipment. Chief Lewandowski stated that he is in the process of getting rid of the White Pontiac Bonneville (unmarked car) and that any money received will be put into the Drug Enforcement account. Clicket or Ticket Campaign ran from 5/19 to 6/3. Over 60 citations were written. The town will now be put into a lottery for a \$4,000 grant.
- **Fire Department:** Chief Bernette reported that there were 9 calls in May consisting of 1-brush fire, 1 natural gas leak, 4 vehicle accidents and 3 RIT calls. Training for the month of May will consist of: Pump operation and relay pumping. The Firefighter's Celebration will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Grand Rapids Lions Club. The day starts at 8:00 am with a pancake breakfast. Activities continue through out the day with a polka band at 1:00 and Boogie & the Yo-Yo's at 5 pm. Dedication of new 6X6 ATV that was received in a grant will take place at 3:00 p.m. Please buy your raffle tickets and plan to attend our annual fund raising event.
- **Safety:** Safety Director Scott Bernette reported on June 6<sup>th</sup> a crew member received an injury while in the process of removing a tree. Employee was treated and released. Emergency Siren at 64<sup>th</sup> and South Park was hit by lighting the end of May. Siren is covered by our insurance and will need to be replaced. Wood County Emergency and dispatch has been notified and will contact the Town of Grand Rapids Police Department in the case of an emergency. The officer on duty as well as the Park Ranger will then notify people in the area of the situation.
- **Public Works:** Chairman Bohn stated he will be meeting with the Road Maintenance Leadman to begin scheduling of road project for this year. The crews are out on the mowers everyday trying to keep up with the grass.
- **Crime Stoppers:** Supervisor Arne Nystrom stated that Crime Stoppers Computer and Electronics Recycling drive on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Marshfield Fair Grounds was a great success.
- **Airport Commission:** Supervisor Nystrom stated that the Airport Commission did not meet this month. Maintenance will be starting on the runways, to include crack filling and sealing.
- **Planning and Zoning:** Supervisor Fehrman stated that two land use permits were granted. One for an existing recycling business (new owners) and installing a fence. The Commission has asked the Board to review the new Portable Storage Ordinance. They feel that some sort of notification to the town at the time the Container is placed should be included to insure that the containers are placed in the proper areas. The Board felt that it would monitor the use of the containers and readdress the Ordinance if they start to see a problem.
- **Building Inspector:** Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer stated there has been 3 new home permits with 2 other new home inquires. There have been numerous permits issued for remodeling projects and sheds last month.
- **Recycling and Garbage:** Supervisor Clendenning stated that the Committee will be meeting again the end of this month. The Committee is still looking for any citizens who would be interested in becoming part of the Recycling and Garbage Committee.

**11. Other Public Input**

Shirley Klapperrich asked if the Board would consider having the joint Grand Rapids-Biron meetings taped by PAC. Clerk McLellan stated that all agendas are faxed to them and it is their decision as to taping or not.

Clerk McLellan stated that Bud's Corner Mart will not be selling the compost passes anymore this year. If anyone still needs a pass they will need to stop at the Municipal Building during normal business hours. If you are unable to pick up a pass during this time, the \$35 fee can be mailed to the Municipal Building along with your name and address and the license plate number of the vehicle that will be transporting the grass, leaves or brush. The pass will then be mailed back to you.

Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats Section 19.85 (1) (c) "considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility " in regards to a hourly employee.. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried. Board in closed session 7:35 p.m.

Motion (Hellner/Clendenning) to come out of closed session. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried. Board in open session 8:21 p.m.

Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to approve the resignation of Officer Dennis Krause as per the terms stated on document signed June 5, 2008 effective June 7, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:22 p.m.

Minutes subject to board approval.

Respectfully submitted and approved  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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Judy McLellan  
Town Clerk